



2nd February 2023

INTERNATIONAL

1) National Security Advisor

- India and the United States launched a programme to enhance their strategic partnership with delegations led by the National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and his American counterpart, Jake Sullivan at their meeting in Washington for the inaugural dialogue of the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies.

2) Inflation has risen to a 48-year high in crisis-hit Pakistan

- Inflation has risen to a 48-year high in crisis-hit Pakistan, where the International Monetary Fund is visiting for urgent talks, according to data released on February 1 by the country's statistics bureau.
- Year-on-year inflation in January 2023 was recorded at 27.55 percent, the highest since May 1975, with thousands of containers of imports held up at Karachi port.
- Pakistan's economy is in dire straits, stricken by a balance-of-payments crisis while it attempts to service high amounts of external debt.

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3) Odesa as a World Heritage Site

- The United Nations cultural organization, UNESCO, designated the historic center of Odesa as a World Heritage Site and categorized it as being "in danger" during a committee meeting in Paris.
- It is in recognition of the historical significance of a Black Sea port that Russia has pounded with missiles as it seeks to retake Ukraine.

4) Manuela Roka Botey

- Equatorial Guinea has appointed Manuela Roka Botey as prime minister. She became the first woman in the country to hold the position.



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- President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, who has ruled the country since 1979, made the announcement in a decree read on state television.
- Ms Rotey was previously the education minister and joined the government in 2020. She replaces former premier Francisco Pascual Obama Asue, who has been in the position since 2016.

NATIONAL

1) Digital payments

- Digital payments across the country registered a growth of 24.13 per cent in a year through September 2022, as per the RBI's Digital Payments Index which measures the adoption of online transactions.
- The newly-constituted RBI's Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) stood at 377.46 in September 2022 against 349.30 in March 2022 and 304.06 in September 2021.
- The index is published on a semi-annual basis (twice a year) from March 2021 onwards with a lag of four months.

2) V Ramachandra appointed as member of Advisory Committee of SIFL, SEFL

- V Ramachandra, a former chief general officer of Canara Bank, was appointed by the Reserve Bank on Tuesday to the advisory committees of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL).

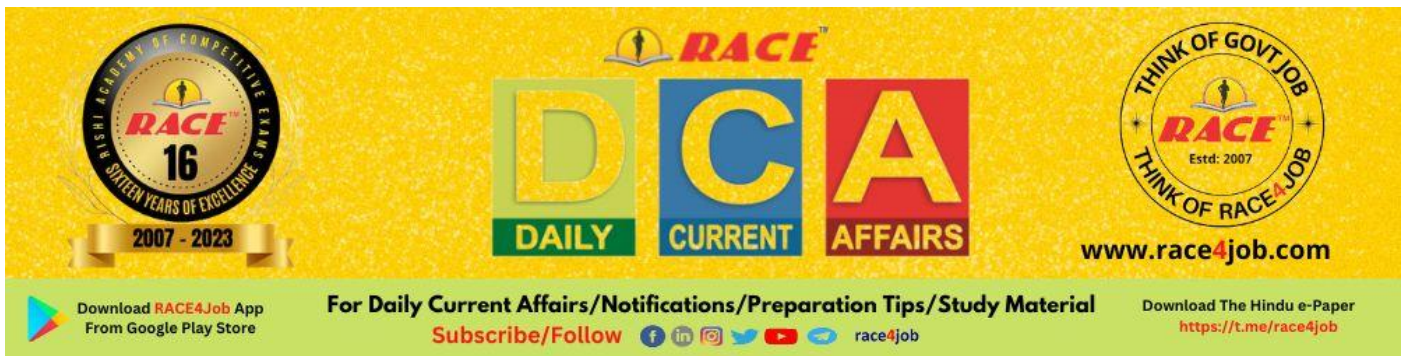
APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Harmanpreet Kaur as its latest brand ambassador

- Sports brand Puma India announced roping in women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur as its latest brand ambassador.
- As part of the partnership terms, Harmanpreet will endorse the brand's footwear, apparel and accessories throughout the year.
- With this, Harmanpreet joins PUMA's roster of brand ambassadors that include Virat Kohli, football stars Neymar Jr and Sunil Chhetri, boxer MC Mary Kom, cricketer Harleen Deol and Para-Shooter Avani Lekhara.



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2) Morgan Stanley named Arun Kohli

- Morgan Stanley named Arun Kohli as the new India head to replace Sanjay Shah, a veteran of 26 years at the firm, who is retiring. Kohli, currently the chief operating officer for EMEA, will head the US bank's business in the country, according to a memo seen by Bloomberg News.
- With the bank since 2007, Kohli will relocate to Mumbai from London where he headed the firm's post-Brexit strategy and implemented growth strategies across markets in the region.

SPORTS

1) Babita Phogat,

- Babita Phogat, a former wrestler, joined the oversight committee established to look into the claims made against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).
- The Oversight Committee is also looking into claims of sexual misbehaviour, harassment, and/or intimidation, as well as financial and organisational irregularities made by well-known athletes.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Lifetime Achievement Honour by the India-UK Achievers Honours in London

- Former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh was recently conferred a Lifetime Achievement Honour by the India-UK Achievers Honours in London for his contribution to economic and political life.
- The India-UK Achievers Honours by NISAU UK, in partnership with the British Council in India and the UK's Department for International Trade (DIT), celebrate the achievements of Indian students who studied at British universities and the Lifetime Achievement Honour is a nod to Dr Singh's academic achievements at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.



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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Wetlands Day

- World Wetlands Day is celebrated annually on 2nd February. The day is observed to create awareness among people about the importance of wetlands and different ways to restore their rapid loss and degradation.
- The day is aimed at highlighting the vital role wetlands play in maintaining biodiversity and supporting human well-being.

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